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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: OPTICAL SIGNAL TRANSMISSION SUBSTRATE AND DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

Claim 4, line 3, change "any of claims 1 through 3" to -- claim 1 --.

Please add claims 8 and 9 as follows:

Sub B. 7 -- 8. An optical signal transmission device composed by laminating a plurality of the optical signal transmission substrates as stated in claim 2 in such a manner that the optical signal transmission areas of the respective substrates overlap one another, wherein the light receiving element is located in any one of the optical signal transmission substrates so as to be opposed to the light emitting element provided in any one of the other optical signal transmission substrates. --